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FROM: LLOYD W. PELLMAN
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "LW Pellman", is written over the printed name and title of Lloyd W. Pellman.

RE: **National Coalition of Free Men, et al., v. County
of Los Angeles** - LASC Case No. BC277370

This is to report on the status of a lawsuit, which was referenced by one of the speakers during the organized presentation in the public comment phase of today's Board meeting.

The lawsuit arises out of the demand by the plaintiffs that the County create and maintain a Commission for Men equivalent in all respects to the County's Commission for Women. Plaintiffs allege that requests made to the County to create a Commission for Men are always denied. Plaintiffs allege that the creation of a Commission for Men is necessary to address the following issues of interest to men: prostate and testicular cancer; creation of an annual "Walk For A Cure" for prostate cancer at the Staples Center; the Men's Health Act (H.R. 632); prison rape; fathers' rights; male victims of domestic violence; suicide; steroid abuse; violence; gangs; prison conditions; police misconduct; men's health; child custody and physical abuse; sexual abuse and personal safety; emotional abuse; single parenting; false rape charges against men; and domestic violence shelters for men.

Plaintiffs include the National Coalition of Free Men, a named member of said organization, and three men and three women as yet unnamed who allege that they have been damaged by the County's failure to create a Commission for Men.

Plaintiffs are seeking to compel the County to form a Commission for Men. Plaintiffs contend that the failure of the County to do so has violated the equal protection rights of, and has caused and will continue to cause, actual and impending hardship and irreparable injury to plaintiffs and all male residents of the County of Los Angeles.

The County's position is that there is no statutory authority that would direct your Board to create a Commission for Men. The case is currently in the discovery phase, and no trial date has been set. We anticipate that this lawsuit will be dismissed upon the filing of a dispositive motion in advance of trial.

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c: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

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